



GUILFORD FOUNDATION

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FALL 2017

Guilford Foundation Commits over \$120,000 to Guilford in 2017; Grant Budget Maxed for Year

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) is pleased to announce that we have committed over \$120,000 for initiatives and organizations serving Guilford in 2017, the most ever and a 17% increase from fiscal year 2016. This reflects 13 grants made through our competitive grant making (complete list below), 12 scholarship awards to graduating Guilford High School students (see inside), 10 grants from designated funds for local organizations, and investments in TGF-driven leadership initiatives (including the Shoreline Nonprofit Workshop Series).

In just the first half of 2017, TGF provided thirteen grants through our competitive grant making process ranging from \$600 to repair Osprey platforms along the Guilford shoreline to \$20,000 support the first performing arts festival in Guilford.

A complete list of competitive grants made in 2017 is as follows:

- \$2,000 to Bare Necessities to support diapers for babies in need in Guilford.
- \$1,000 to Camp Hazen to support financial assistance for Guilford campers.
- \$5,000 to the Community Dining Room to purchase food products and packaging materials necessary for take-out meals.
- \$2,900 to East Shore Health District to help build the first fully electric, solar powered pump out boat.
- \$2,500 to the Neighborhood Music School to support the Guilford branch of the DoSo Dance Band.
- \$20,000 to support the first Performing Arts Festival in Guilford, providing a weekend of workshops and performances that are open to all and free of charge.
- \$3,000 to NeighborWorks New Horizons to improve landscaping and signage at Hubbard Woods Development in Guilford.
- \$800 to the Guilford Garden Club to support tree planting.
- \$3,250 to the Guilford Housing Authority to expand parking at Guilford Court.
- \$600 to the Menunkatuck Audubon Society to replace Osprey nest platforms as needed in Guilford.
- \$1,000 to Melissa Jones PTO to support the rebuilding of the community playground.
- \$5,000 to Clifford Beers to support case management services to Guilford Children and their families with psychiatric and behavioral disorders.
- \$4,000 to the Shoreline Arts Alliance to support Shakespeare on the Green and other summer productions.

In addition to the competitive grant awards listed above, TGF has also committed to:

- \$25,000 to Women & Family Life Center for their "Open Door" Campaign and renovation.
- \$10,000 to support Grass Island renovations through the "Save Our Shack" Eagle Scout Project.
- \$12,663 for our Youth Advisory Group grant making.
- \$12,300 for scholarships to graduating Guilford High School students.

- \$11,366 for designated grants to local organizations from legacy funds.

While TGF is gratified to support so many worthy projects and agencies, we will not be able to accept any new grant requests until 2018. Our budget for funding grants in 2017 budget has been fully spent. Please contact Liza Janssen Petra at lpetra@guilfordfoundation.org with any questions or if you have an emergent need.

This record-breaking level of support is only made possible by community members who generously support our mission to "connect people who care with the causes that matter to them." Thanks to your generosity, our investments into the community continue to grow and are able to respond to needs as they arise. For more information about how to give, visit our website at guilfordfoundation.org.

\$120,000 committed for initiatives



Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2017 Shakespeare on the Green.



Menunkatuck osprey platform in Guilford.



Guilford Foundation Provides \$12,300 Worth of Scholarships to 12 College Bound Graduates

The Guilford Foundation recently presented scholarship awards totaling \$12,300 to twelve Guilford High School graduates to help offset the costs of their education. The records of these remarkable students reflect their hard work and commitment to personal development and inspire hope in the future citizenry of our great town.

The twelve students (as well as their colleges) are as follows:

- Elizabeth C. Adams Fund: Emily Nolan (St. Olaf College) & Ryan Xie (Brandeis University)
- Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. Humanitarian Fund: Claire Dinauer (University of California, Los Angeles) & Thomas Wiesler (Yale University)
- Al and Gene Bishop Fund for Vocational & Industrial Arts: John Wettemann (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- Stuart D. Burt Fund: Luke McNamara (University of Notre Dame)
- Stephen A. Looney Fund: Benjamin Cousins (University of South Carolina) & Molly Kosh (Skidmore College)
- Jake Penman Memorial Fund: Jordan Krause (Villanova University)
- Ralph Schipani Scholarship Fund: Zachary Rodes (Duchesne University) & Megan Zampano (Quinnipiac University)
- Elizabeth M. "Lizzie" Schwanfelder Scholarship Fund: Olivia Mirek (Georgetown University)



Pictured right-left: Thomas Wiesler, Zachary Rodes, Olivia Mirek, Jordan Krause, Claire Dinauer, Luke McNamara, Emily Nolan.

The Guilford Foundation salutes these community members and their families for this special recognition. TGF also gratefully acknowledges the Guilford High School Guidance Office for their assistance in identifying these students.

\$12,300 in scholarships



Digital rendering from the East Shore Health District of planned solar powered pump out boat.



Page DeChiara (Advisor), Mariam Kish and Brendan O'Callahan (Youth Advisory Group Co Chairs), and Allen Jacobs (Advisor).



Sample of a nutritious, hot meal offered at the Community Dining Room.

APK Charities Corporation Endowment Fund



Captain Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel.

To continue a legacy of good works honoring the life, bravery, and humanitarian spirit of Captain Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel, APK Charities Corporation Endowment Fund joins the ranks of Guilford Foundation Legacy Funds.

For Bob and Helen Pedersen-Keiser, parents of Capt. Pedersen-Keel, establishing the fund was a purposeful step in the APK Charities journey, a non-profit they founded following their son's ultimate sacrifice. On March 11, 2013, Capt. Pedersen-Keel was killed in action in Eastern Afghanistan, serving as the commander of his special forces detachment.

The mission of APK Charities is to provide financial and material assistance to charitable organizations and causes. With shoreline events including APK Charities annual APK 5K/5K Ruck Walk/March in Guilford, APK Charities works to raise community awareness and support for active and wounded warriors and their families, and for the families of fallen warriors.

"Most Connecticut residents don't have the opportunity to meet or greet a soldier," says Helen. "We feel that any message we can put out there to remind the public that there is a military presence in Connecticut, and of course throughout our country, is important. That's the strongest message at the APK race. It's why we ask soldiers to do the run/march in their fatigues."

Capt. Pedersen-Keel was 28 and serving his second tour in Afghanistan when he was killed in action alongside Staff Sgt. Rex Schad, 26, of Oklahoma, and the team's Military working dog, BAK.

"Part of the Green Beret mission is to liberate the oppressed. He was so focused on his mission with tribal leaders. It was stunning what he accomplished in that province," says Helen. "He could light up a room...he just had the charisma. He was always making connections between people. The police chief of that province was also injured that day the team was hit; and he was heartbroken. Andrew was his friend."

APK supports four permanent charities including the Guilford Foundation APK Charities Corporation Endowment Fund, and APK Charities Corporation Endowment

fund with the Madison Foundation, Special Forces Charitable Trust and Fisher House Connecticut. APK supports a rotation of other charities, with support in 2017 going to Spikes K9 Fund and Wounded Warrior Family Support (not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior project).

"We love supporting our charities," says Helen. "Andrew would be so happy to know we have done something good."

Through Guilford Foundation's APK Charities Corporation Endowment Fund, as well as the Madison Foundation endowment, APK Charities now has a lasting endowment home on the shoreline.

"Our mission was to blend the two towns," says Helen. "Bob and I are not from the shoreline, but we've found our lives are blending between the towns. Andrew lived in Madison. His picture is in the Town Hall in Guilford. We held his memorial in Madison, and his funeral mass in Guilford."

APK Charities Corporation Endowment Fund helps ensure Capt. Pedersen-Keel's legacy continues.

"We certainly do appreciate that someday, Bob and I won't be doing this," says Helen.

"But thanks to the Guilford Foundation, APK Charities will live on in perpetuity; and do good, like Andrew did."



Captain Pedersen-Keel serving in Afghanistan.

How to Give

Contact Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director, at lpetra@guilfordfoundation.org for more information.

Create a personal legacy in Guilford by establishing a named fund, for yourself, your family, or a loved one. The minimum amount required to establish a fund is \$10,000. To help reach your philanthropic goals, we offer an "Acorn Fund" option, which allows interested donors 5 years to reach the \$10,000 minimum.

If you are not ready to create a charitable fund but want to contribute to our efforts to enrich the quality of life in Guilford, provide a direct donation of any amount at any time to one of our existing charitable funds.

Finally, consider a gift to our operating fund, which allows us to maintain our visibility in the community; provide leadership around community issues; raise new dollars to invest back into the organizations that serve Guilford; and provide excellent stewardship for our existing funds.

Gifts can be accepted from cash, stock or other assets; bequests; or planning a future gift through your IRA or insurance policy.

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